Names—Prevention of Improper Use Act, 1971.

3. The Board of Film Certification shall also ensure that the film

(i) is judged in its entirety from the point of view of its overall impact, and

(ii) is examined in the light of the period depicted in the films and the contemporary standards of the country and the people to which it relates; provided that the film does not deprave the morality of the audience.

4. Films that meet the above-mentioned criteria but are considered unsuitable for exhibition to non-adults shall be certified for exhibition to adult audiences only.

5. (1) While certifying films for unrestricted public exhibition, the Board shall ensure that the film is suitable for family viewing, that is to say, the film should be such that all the members of the family including children can sit together and view it.

(2) If the Board, having regard to the nature, content and theme of the film is of the opinion that it is necessary to caution that the question as to whether any child below the age of twelbe years may be allowed to see such film should be considered by the parents or guardian of such child, the film shall be certified for unrestricted public exhibition with an endorsement to that effect.

(3) If the Board, having regard to the nature, content and theme of the film is of the opinion that the exhibition of the film should be restricted to members of any profession or any class of persons, the film shall be certified for public exhibition restricted to the specialised audiences to be specified by the Board in this behalf.

6. The Board shall scrutinise the titles of the films carefully and ensure that they are not provocative, vulgar, offensive or violative of any of the above-mentioned guidelines.

Video Piracy and Cable T.V.

760. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that video piracy is rampant in the country at present;

(b) whether it is also a fact that cable TV and dish antenna are coming up and are likely to intensify viden piracy; and

(c) if so, what effective steps are being contemplated to check the menace?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. However Dish Antennae by themselves, do not intensify video piracy.

(c) Ministry of Human Resource Development of the Government has set up a Copyright Enforcement Advisory Council to (i) Review the progress of enforcement of the Copyright Act periodically. and (ii) To advise the Government regarding measures for improving the enforcement of the Copyright Act.

Government has also written to all Chief Ministers repeatedly for:

(1) Creation of special cells in larger sowns to investigate Copyripht offences.

(2) Bringing video parlours, video shops under a licensing regime—Ministry of Information and Broadcasting have already approached the State Governments in this regard.

(3) Where the police is over burdened with urgent work, the necessary concurrent powers could be given in Entertainment Act recovery agencies or other similar agencies.

(4) A nodal point may be designated with which professional or industry associations could liaise.

(5) Collection of crime statistics could focus on copyright offences specifically. The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has already addressed the State Police organisations separately. The Government in pursuance of the recommendations of the High Powered Committee on problems of film industry have taken the following steps in this direction:—

All State Governments/Union Territorry Administrations have been asked to implement the various recommendations of the Committee. They have been asked to issue instructions to the law enforcing agencies for vigorous implementation of existing laws. They have also been asked to adopt legislation on the lines of the legislation enacted by Tamil Nadu. As far as Dish Antenna is concerned, it does not intensify video piracy.

Gap between demand and supply of newsprint during 1991

761. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAS BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated indigenous production of newsprint likely to be achieved at the end of 1991 as against the target fixed therefor;

(b) what is the anticipated percentage of rise in the demand of newsprint at the end of 1991 stating the likely gap between demand and supply thereof;

(c) whether there has been persistent demand for decanalisation of newsprint to ease the situation and to bring down the prices; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) As against a total demand of 5.65 lakh MTs for 1990-91, the estimated demand for 1991-92 has been projected as 5.80 lakh MTs. Out of this indigenous production of newsprint is estmated to be of the order of 2.95 lakh MTs.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government's response will necessarily be conditioned by its overriding concern for the interests of the Small and Medium Newspapers, and healthy growth of a free Press.

Unsatisfactory T.V. Reception in Mysore (Karnataka)

762. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that T.V. reception in Mysore city and its surroundings is very unsatisfactory, if so, reasons therefor and corrective steps proposed to be taken in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that the wave length of telecast and Dish Antenna installed at Mysore clash with the wave length at Karachi Antenna, leading to disturbance and faulty reception and if so, whether the reception will be rectified at the earliest; and

(c) whether Government will streamline its monitoring and evaluation mechanism not only at Mysore but throughout the country to ensure good consumer service?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Reception of the TV transmitter at Mysore operating in Band-I on Channel-4 has been affected due to interference caused by signals from foreign transmitters, particularly the one at Karachi operating on the same Channel, travelling long distances in abnormal propaganda mode. In order to overcome such interference problem, the existing TV transmitter at Mysore is envisaged to be replaced soon by another transmitter of same radiating power operating in Band-III TV frequency.

(c) Doordarshan, which has an in-built monitoring and evaluation system, keeps a close watch on the performance of equipment at various TV Stations in the country so as to ensure optimum level performance of equipment and uninterrupted professional grade service.